



OpenFoodTox and Tools for Chemical Risk Assessment at EFSA

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EFSA's Role in Risk Analysis


Methodology Codex Alimentarius:

- Hazard identification
- Hazard characterisation
- Exposure assessment
- Risk characterisation



FROM QUESTION TO ANSWER



 **European Commission**
 **European Parliament**
 **Member States**
 **EFSA ("self mandate")**



Question?

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 European Food Safety Authority
Risk Assessment






Terms of reference

Background



Opinion

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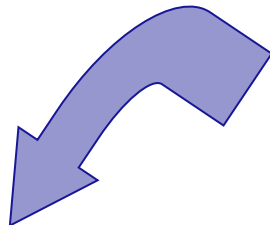
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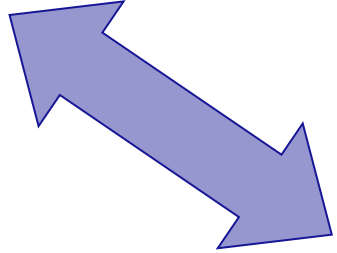
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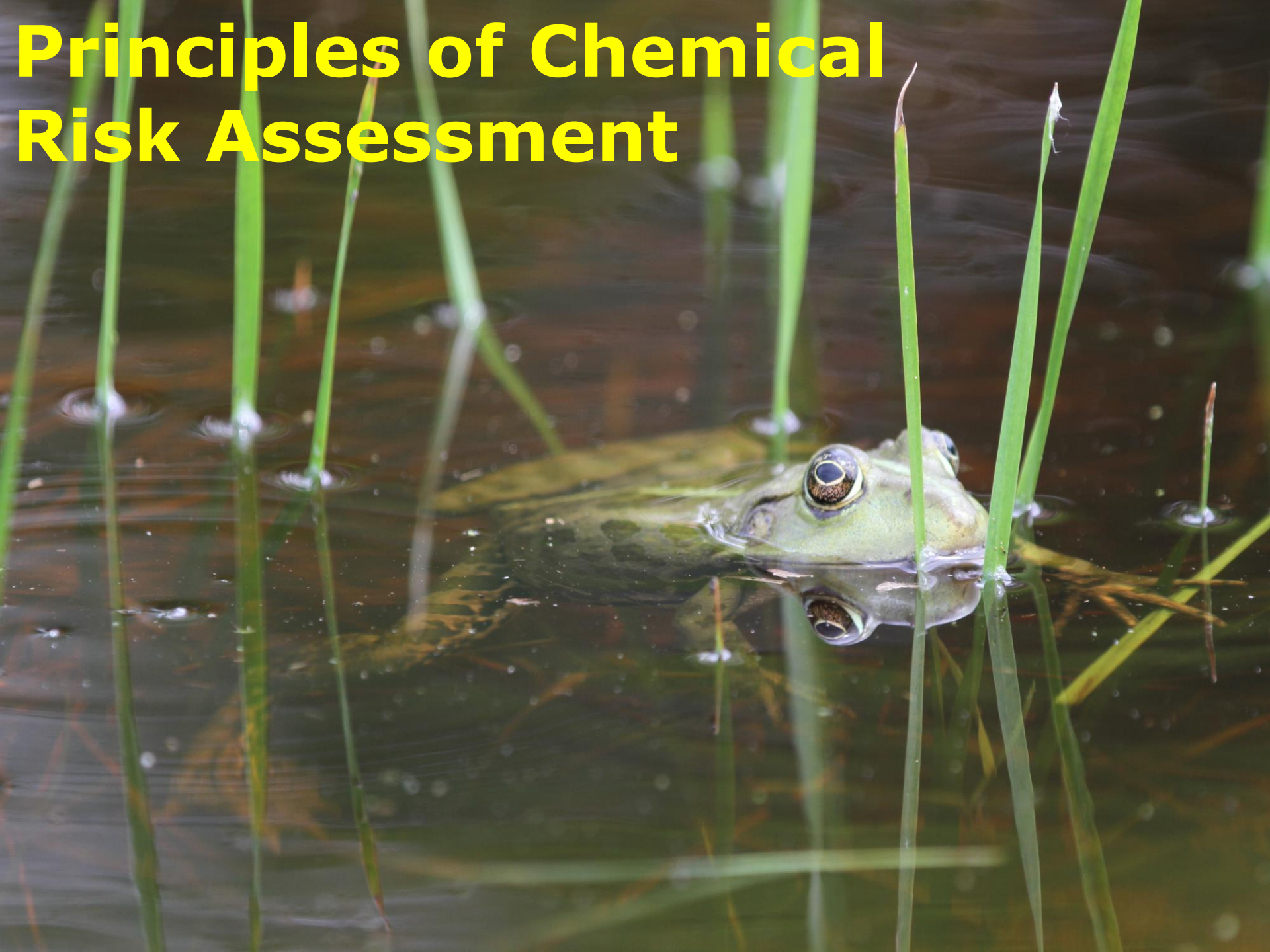
Professionals



Risk Communication



Principles of Chemical Risk Assessment



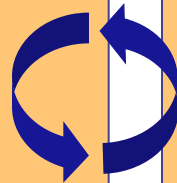
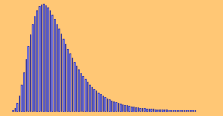
STEPS IN CHEMICAL RISK ASSESSMENT

Exposure assessment

Occurrence of chemicals
 in food, feed, water,
 environmental media
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Food consumption

Deterministic vs probabilistic

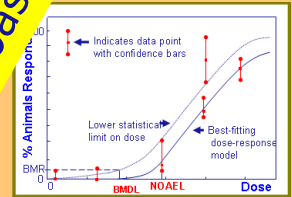


Hazard Identification Hazard Characterisation

Toxicokinetics (ADME)

Toxicity: Genotox, acute/sub-chronic/chronic toxicity,
 NOELs, BMDL, LOAELs (animal, human),
 NOEC, PNECs (Ecology..)

Health based Guidance Value
(ADI, TDI...)



Risk Characterisation

Exposure and Hazard

Humans: Health-based guidance values vs exposure
 Margin of Exposure (genotox carcinogens)
 Margin of safety (animal)
 Environmental standards (ecological),

EFSA's Chemical Hazard Database



DATA/EVIDENCE AVAILABLE IN CHEMICAL RA

Tier	Exposure Assessment		Hazard identification		Hazard characterisation		Risk Characterisation
	Occurrence	Consumption	TK	TD	TK	TD	
0	Semi-Q	Default values	No data	No data	<i>in silico</i> Read across	Default values TTC Read across <i>In silico</i> Default UF	e.g. Default values Qualitative
1	Point estimates	Point estimates in food categories	<i>In silico</i> Limited data Semi-Q	<i>In silico</i> Limited data Read across	<i>in silico</i> Basic TK Read across	<i>in silico</i> Read across NOAEL Default UF	e.g. Semi-quantitative
2	Measured data	Measured in some food categories	Dossier data Qttve	Dossier Data	<i>in silico</i> ADME data	NOAEL/ BMDL Default <i>in silico</i> UF	e.g. Quantitative Deterministic/ Probabilistic
3	Large measured dataset	Full patterns - food categories	Dossier and/or lit. (<i>in vitro</i> , <i>in vivo</i>)	Data dossier and/or lit. (<i>in vitro</i> , OMICs, epi)	MoA/AOP, Epi data, PB-PK model, BBDR, BMDL Chemical adjustment (CSAF)	specific factor	e.g. Quantitative Full probabilistic



EFSA' S CHEMICAL HAZARDS DATABASE: OPENFOODTOX

■ Catalogue of EFSA's chemical toxicity data since creation

- Contaminants (Human and Animal health)
- Vitamins and minerals (Human health) (NDA),
- Food additives and Nutrient Sources, Food contact materials, Flavourings and processing aids ,enzymes (Human Health)
 - Feed Additives (Human and Animal Health, Ecotoxicology)
- Pesticides (Human and Animal health, Ecotoxicology)

■ Easy Reference and Crisis

- One reference Database on Chemical Hazards: Search easily and efficiently
- Crisis: Quick and Easy access to all EFSA's Hazard Data

■ International Harmonisation

- International efforts:Harmonise Templates for Hazard Data (ECHA/OECD)
- Data Model based on templates compatible with IUCLID/ ECHA-OECD QSAR toolbox

WHAT DOES OPENFOODTOX CONTAIN ?



o **Chemical Information**

Information on chemical nomenclature (EU nomenclature, IUPAC, CAS...), trade name, chemical group/panel (i.e. pesticide), chemical use (i.e. fungicide), chemical structure (i.e. triazoles, organophosphates....).

o **Document descriptors**

Information on EFSA's opinion for the specific chemical or group of chemicals. Info from EFSA 's RAW system (question number, mandate, number), link to the document

o **Toxicity Endpoint/ Hazard identification**

Information on critical toxicity study using OECD picklists when possible (species, dose, target organ...)

o **Critical study to demonstrate genotoxicity status**

Providing essential information of critical genotoxicity study when assessed

o **Hazard /Risk characterisation**

Information for health based guidance values (ADI/TDI), margin of exposures, safety factors...



CONTENT

1,479 Scientific outputs (metadata + DOI)


8,400 Toxicological endpoint studies

11,818 risk assessment summaries

4,185 Substances (chemical identifiers including SMILES)

133 Positive genotoxicity studies

OPENFOODTOX AND IN SILICO TOOLS

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- OpenFoodTox in EFSA Data Warehouse (editorial in prep) and OECD E-chem portal since April 2016
 - Illustrate the use of OpenFoodTOx in different areas of chemical RA through review articles with EFSA units
 - Explore Case studies to develop *in silico* tools : acute contact toxicity pesticides bees QSRA models
 - Read Across in toxicology combined with Toxicokinetic data
 - Risk assessment of mixtures: case studies



Modern Methods in Chemical Risk Assessment



SCIENTIFIC REPORT OF EFSA

**Modern methodologies and tools
for human hazard assessment of chemicals¹**

European Food Safety Authority^{2,3}

European Food Safety Authority (EFSA), Parma, Italy

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ABSTRACT

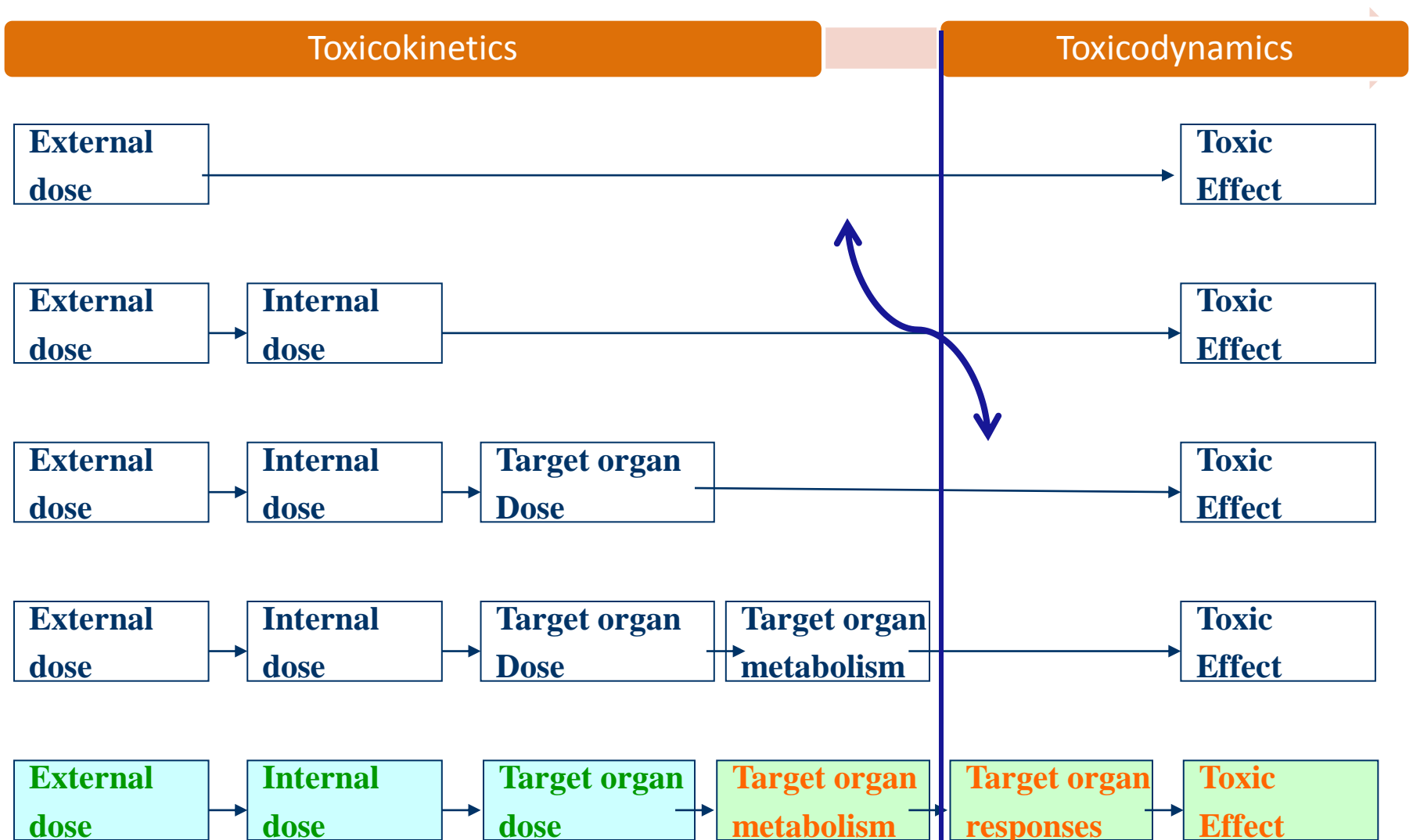
This scientific report provides a review of modern methodologies and tools to depict toxicokinetic and toxicodynamic processes and their application for the human hazard assessment of chemicals. The application of these methods is illustrated with examples drawn from the literature and international efforts in the field. First, the concepts of mode of action/adverse outcome pathway are discussed together with their associated terminology and recent international developments dealing with human hazard assessment of chemicals. Then modern methodologies and tools are presented including *in vitro* systems, physiologically-based models, *in silico* tools and OMICs technologies at the level of DNA/RNA (transcriptomics), proteins (proteomics) and the whole metabolome (metabolomics). Future perspectives for the potential applications of these modern methodologies and tools in the context of prioritisation of chemicals, integrated test strategies and the future of risk assessment are discussed. The report concludes with recommendations for future work and research formulated from consultations of EFSA staff, expert Panels and other international organisations.

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KEY WORDS

mode of action, adverse outcome pathway, integrated testing strategy, physiologically-based models, *in silico*, OMICs

-Levels of Knowledge, Toxicokinetic and Toxicodynamic processes



Biologically-based models: Integrating variability from Biological Processes in RA





TK AND MULTIPLE CHEMICALS : DATA AND MODELS

- **Integrating TK in Human, animal, environmental RA**
- ✓ **Objective 1:**
Review model/Tools in human, animal, Env RA (2016)
- ✓ **Objective 2: Collect physiological/ biological parameters**
- **Develop TK tools and models for single compounds**
(from simple tools to generic PB-PK models).
- **Case studies 10 chemicals food/feed safety (2017)**
- ✓ **Objective 3: Develop TK tools and models for multiple chemicals** (from simple tools to generic PB-PK models).
- **Case studies 10 mixtures food/feed safety**
- ✓ **All tools in R Open sources EFSA website (2018)**



Data requirements for pesticides Regulation 283- 284/2013 : TK Data

In vivo TK studies in animals

Information blood/ tissues [C] for active substance/relevant metabolites on relevant species: understanding toxicity studies incl TK parameters (C_{max} ; AUC, T_{max})

Route/time course of excretion active substance and metabolites;
Investigating entero-hepatic circulation

Comparative animal versus human microsomes or intact cell systems

Relevance animal tox -guide interpretation, further define testing strategy.
e.g. human *in vitro* metabolite not in test species

Protocols are available in the public domain (e.g. ECVAM and literature) incl. ECVAM work on developing TK standards

In vitro models hepatic and non-hepatic microsomes, e.g cDNA-expressed recombinant human CYPs, hepatocytes etc.

Major human metabolites (>10% of AD) not present at sufficient levels in animal studies further investigated for their toxicity profile.

MAJOR METABOLIC/EXCRETION ROUTES IN HUMANS

Phase I enzymes

Cytochrome P-450,
ADH, Esterases...

Phase II enzymes

Conjugation reactions

UDP-Glucuronyltransferases,
Sulphotransferases

Glutathione-s-transferases

Methyl-transferases

N-acetyltransferases

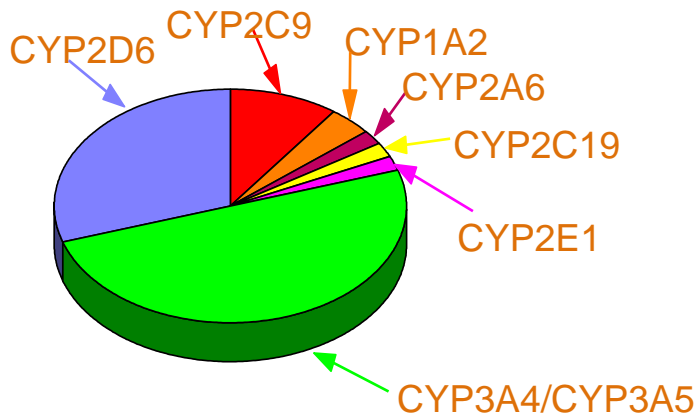
Amino acid conjugation

Transporters

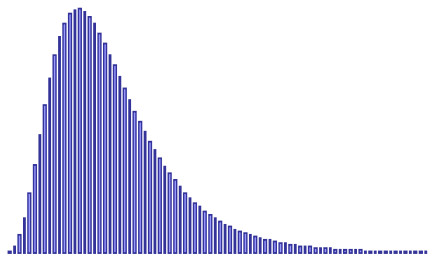
Phase 0- Uptake transporters:
e.g OATPs, OCTs.

Phase III-Efflux pumps:
e.g ABCs (P-glycoproteins and
MRPs)

Renal excretion



-HUMAN VARIABILITY IN TOXICOKINETICS -

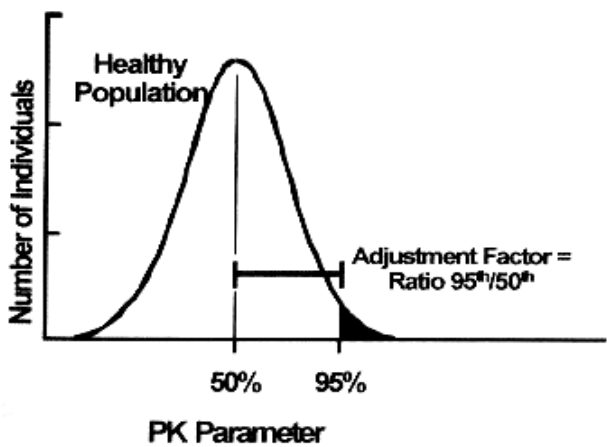


From pharmaceutical database human variability in TK available for many drugs /enzyme isoforms in different subgroups of the population.

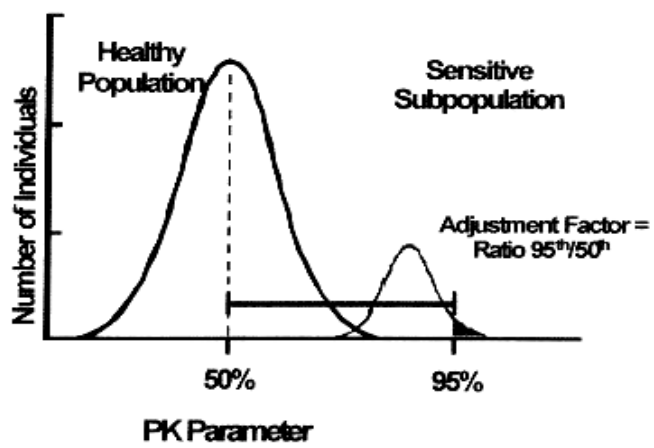
Rationale for meta-analysis of TK data to derive metabolism variability distributions

Can be combined with *in vitro* data and used in QIVIVE

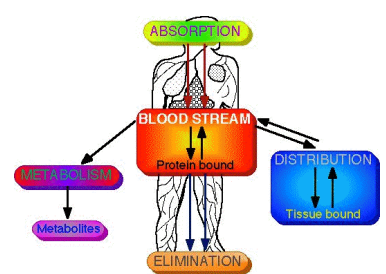
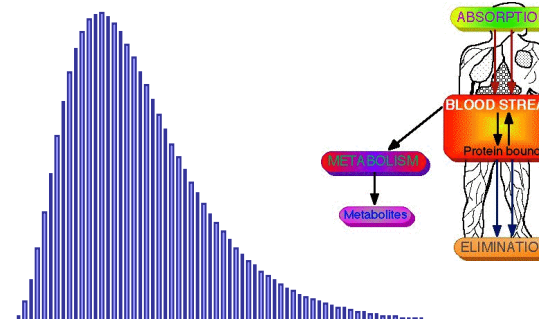
Unimodal Population



Bimodal Population

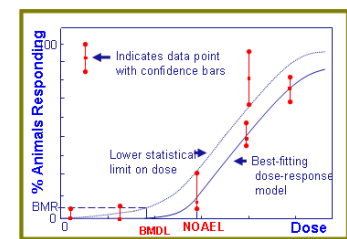


COMBINING VARIABILITY IN TK AND IN VITRO DATA : OPENSOURCE PLATFORM

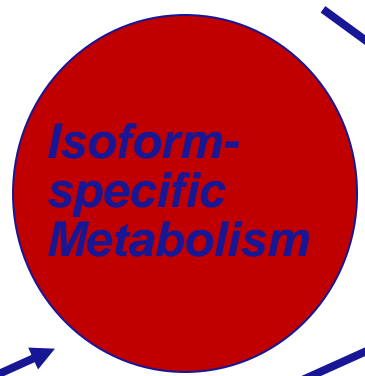


TK

TD



Isoform-specific Variability Distribution : Open Source Tool
Meta-analysis TK studies (acute, chronic)
Phase I (CYP), Phase II (UGT), Transporters etc...



In Vitro Human cell system

Combine Human TK data and Tox data

Combine Human TK data and human epi data

Combine TK data and in vitro TD data

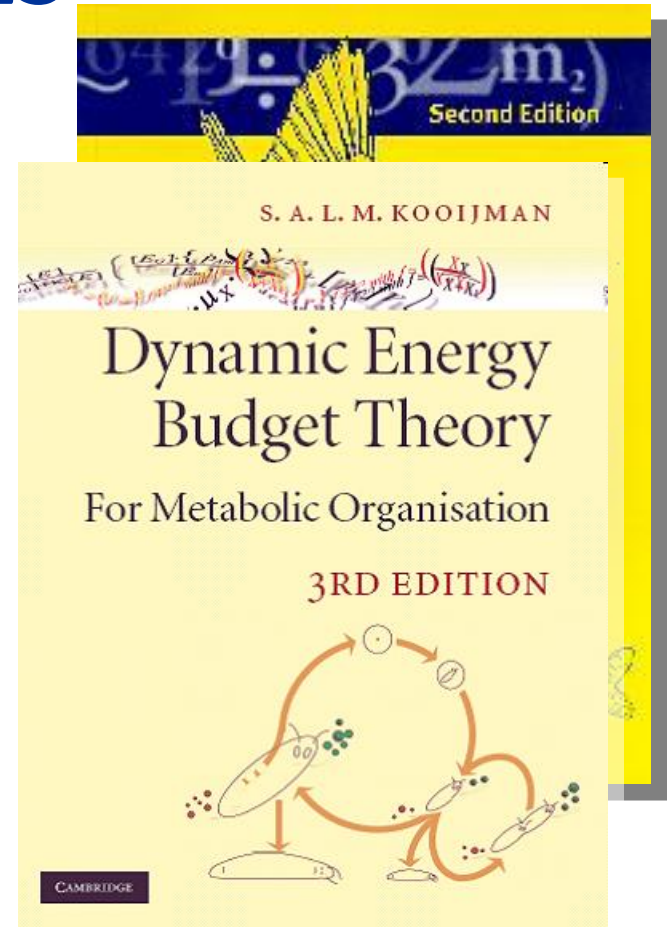
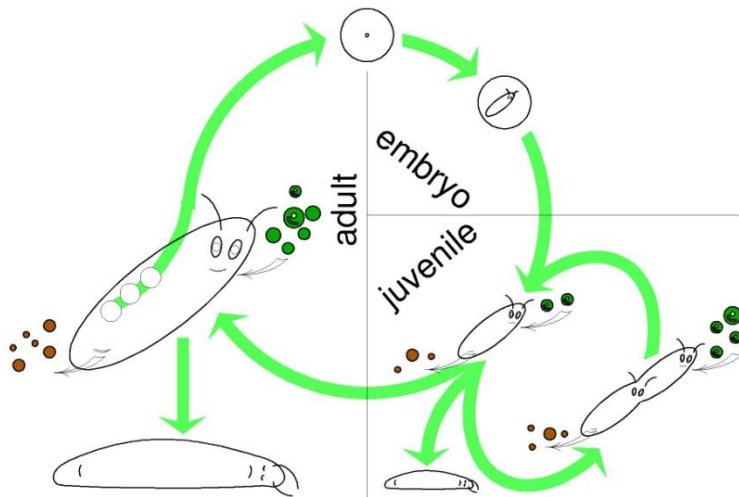
DEB MODELS

Quantitative theory for metabolic organisation from 'first principles'

- time, energy and mass balance

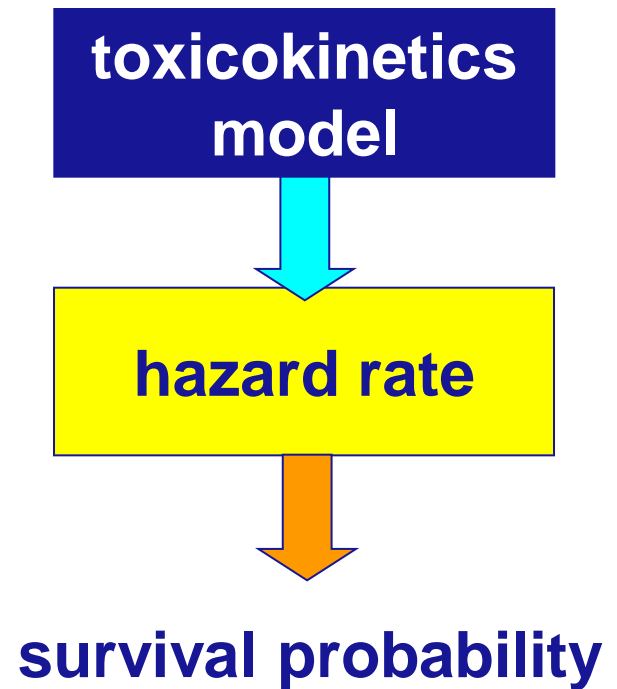
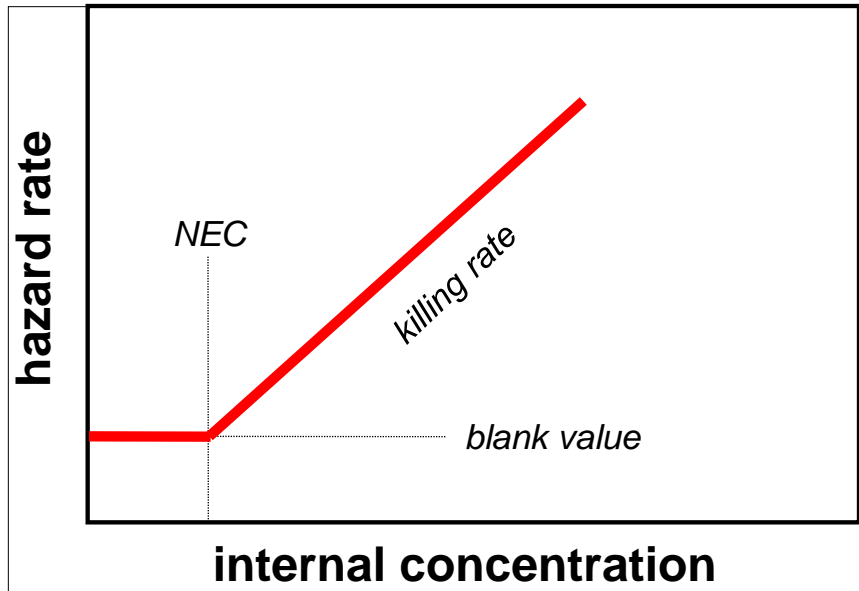
Life-cycle of the individual

- links levels of organisation: molecule → ecosystems



Kooijman (2010)

- Chemical affects the **probability** to die
 - hazard modelling





DYNAMIC ENERGY BUDGET MODELS **FOR TERRESTRIAL AND AQUATIC ORGANISMS**

- ✓ **Objective 1: Review DEB models (2016)**

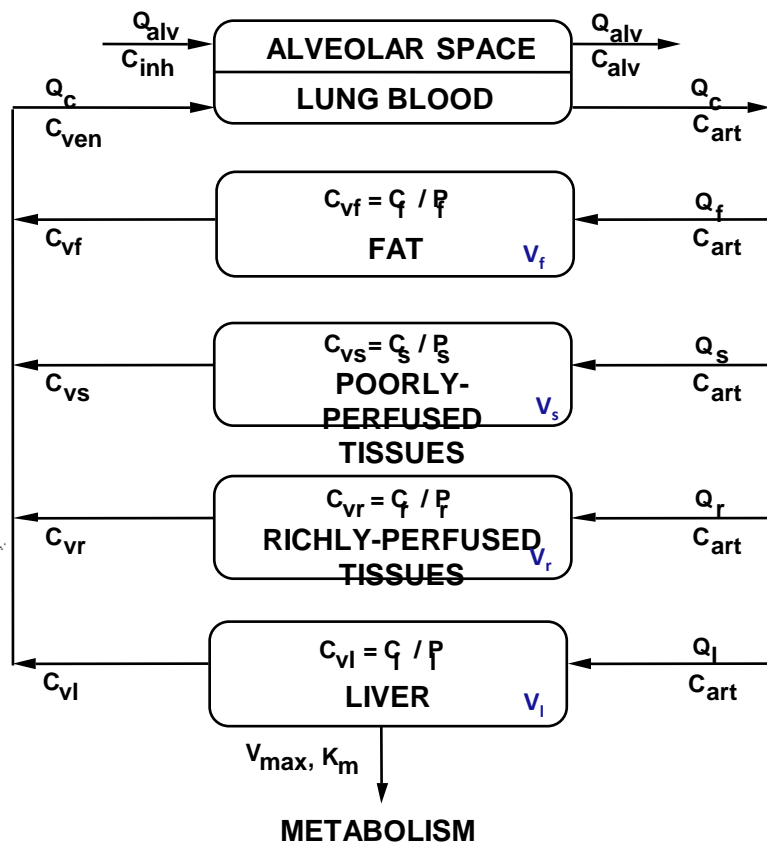
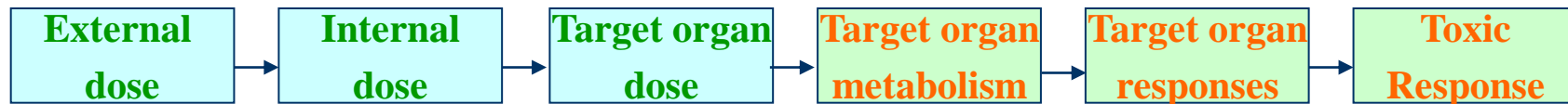
- ✓ **Objective 2: Collect physiological/ biological parameters-** calibration of models single compounds incl DEB (Spring 2017)
 - Develop generic/specific models for aquatic and terrestrial organisms for single compounds-Endocrine case study

- ✓ **Objective 3: Develop tools and models for multiple chemicals** (Spring 2018).

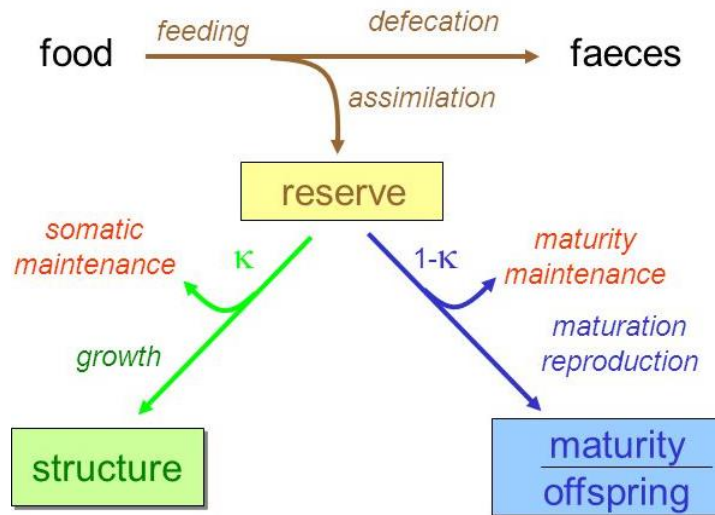
- ✓ **All tools in R and as Open sources on EFSA website**



-Building Open source TK and DEB tools-



PB-TK models



DEB Models



Future of TK data in Food Safety

- ✓ Open source Tools: TK Plate
- ✓ Further improve *in vitro* TK
- ✓ *In vitro* data and TK variability

From TK to full PB-TK

- ✓ Illustrate application of tools
- ✓ Tiered approaches/different contexts (e.g. data poor, data rich , mixtures)

Cooperation and Education

- ✓ Translate 21st century tools into practice
- ✓ Harmonised methods and tools
- ✓ Training current and next generation

**Many Thanks
Questions ?**

